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Key Questions

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About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love doing exciting things and exploring the world around them. In the *Exploring Our World* series Aled and Siân share some of their experiences with their Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim friends. Aled and Siân also enjoy listening to their friends' stories, and learn about how these relate to their own. This helps the friends get to know one another better.

The series takes seriously the social significance of religion and is based on extensive research into how children learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live.

To support this storybook series, there is a large range of free downloadable resources for children and teachers available at hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources and st-marys-centre.org.uk

The storybooks and activities are devised for 3- to 5-year-olds and 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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Titles in the *Exploring Our World* series are:

3- to -5-year-olds
Celebrations
Myself and Others
Times and Seasons

5- to -7-year-olds
Journeys
Special People
Signs and Symbols





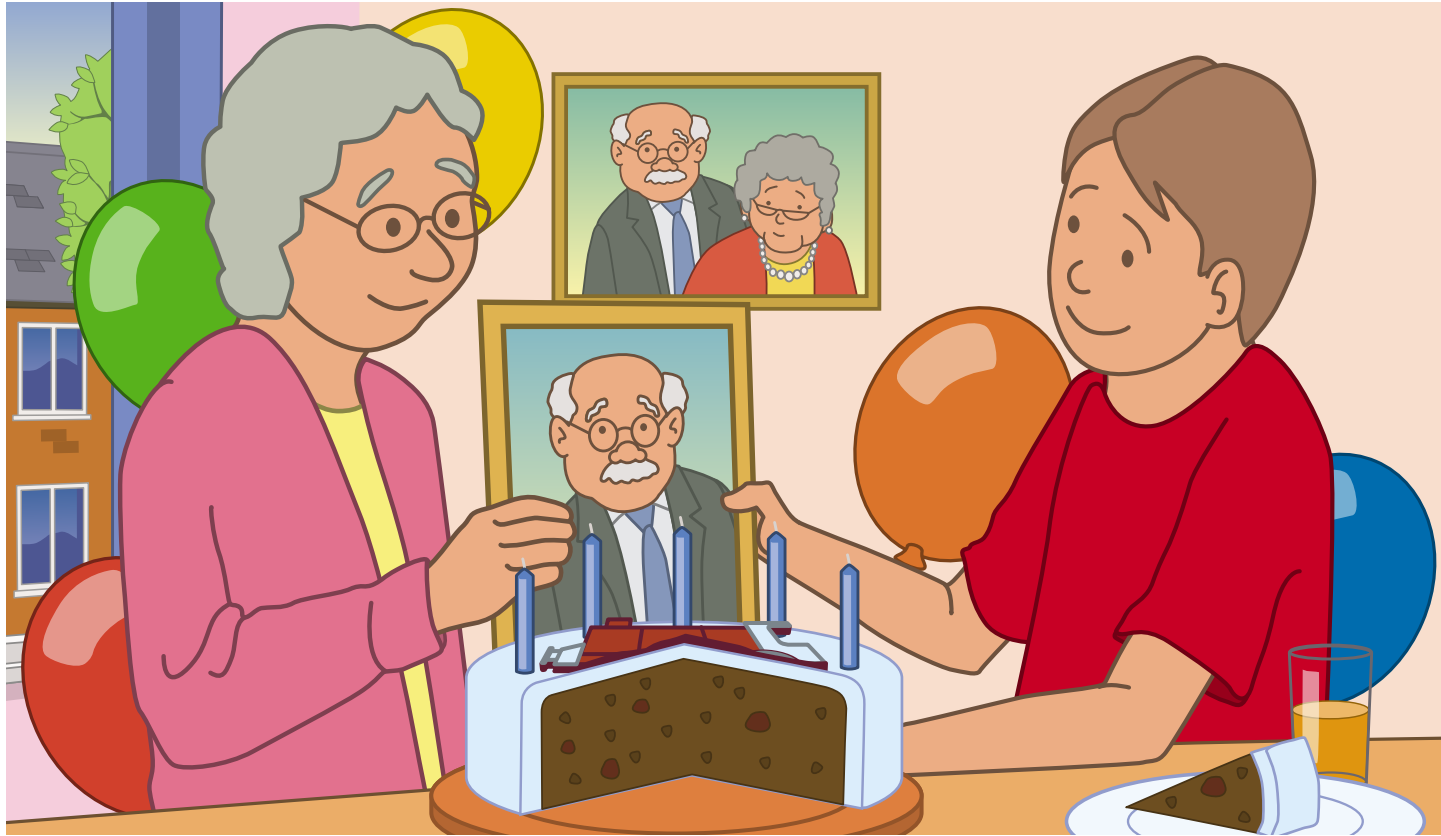
Have you been to a birthday party?



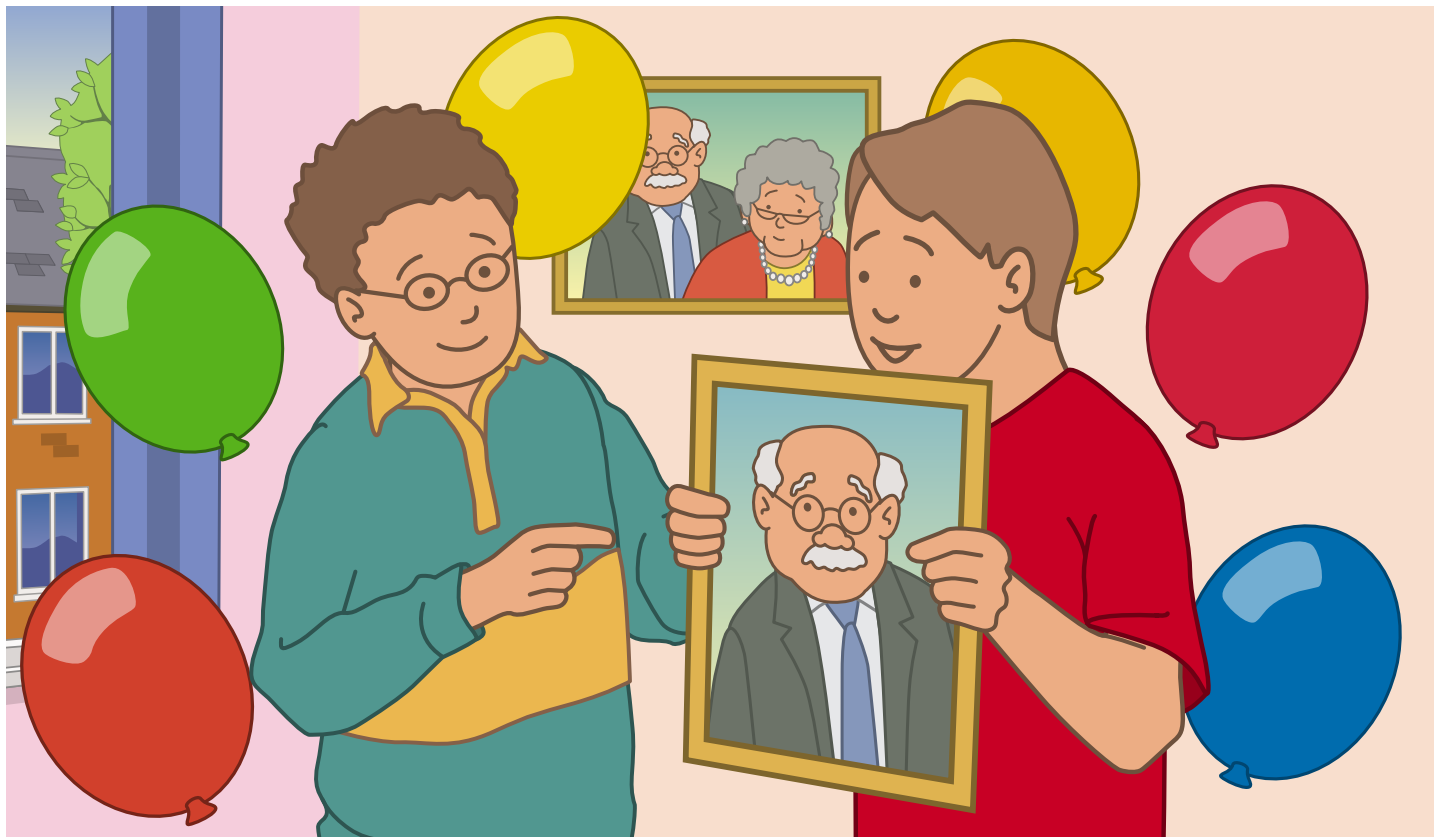
Can you guess what the presents are?



Can you sing 'Happy birthday' to Aled?



Why do you think Aled was named after his grandfather?



Why is Aled excited to learn about his name?



Can you sing 'Happy birthday' to Peter?



Can you guess what the presents are?



Can you say 'Peter' aloud with the vicar?



What is happening to baby Peter in the church?



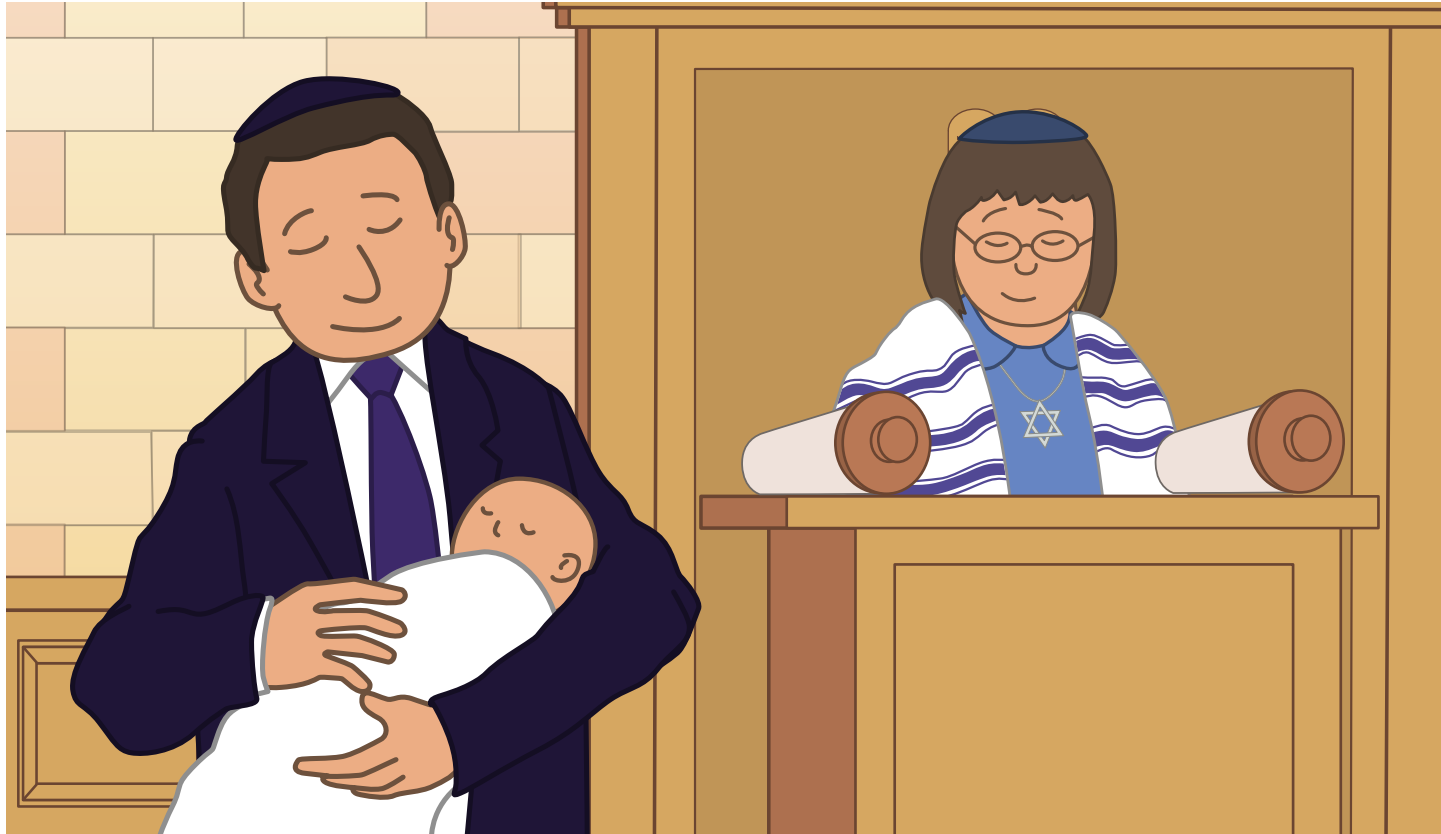
Can you sing 'Happy birthday' to Rachel?



Can you guess what the presents are?



Can you say 'Rachel' aloud with her father?



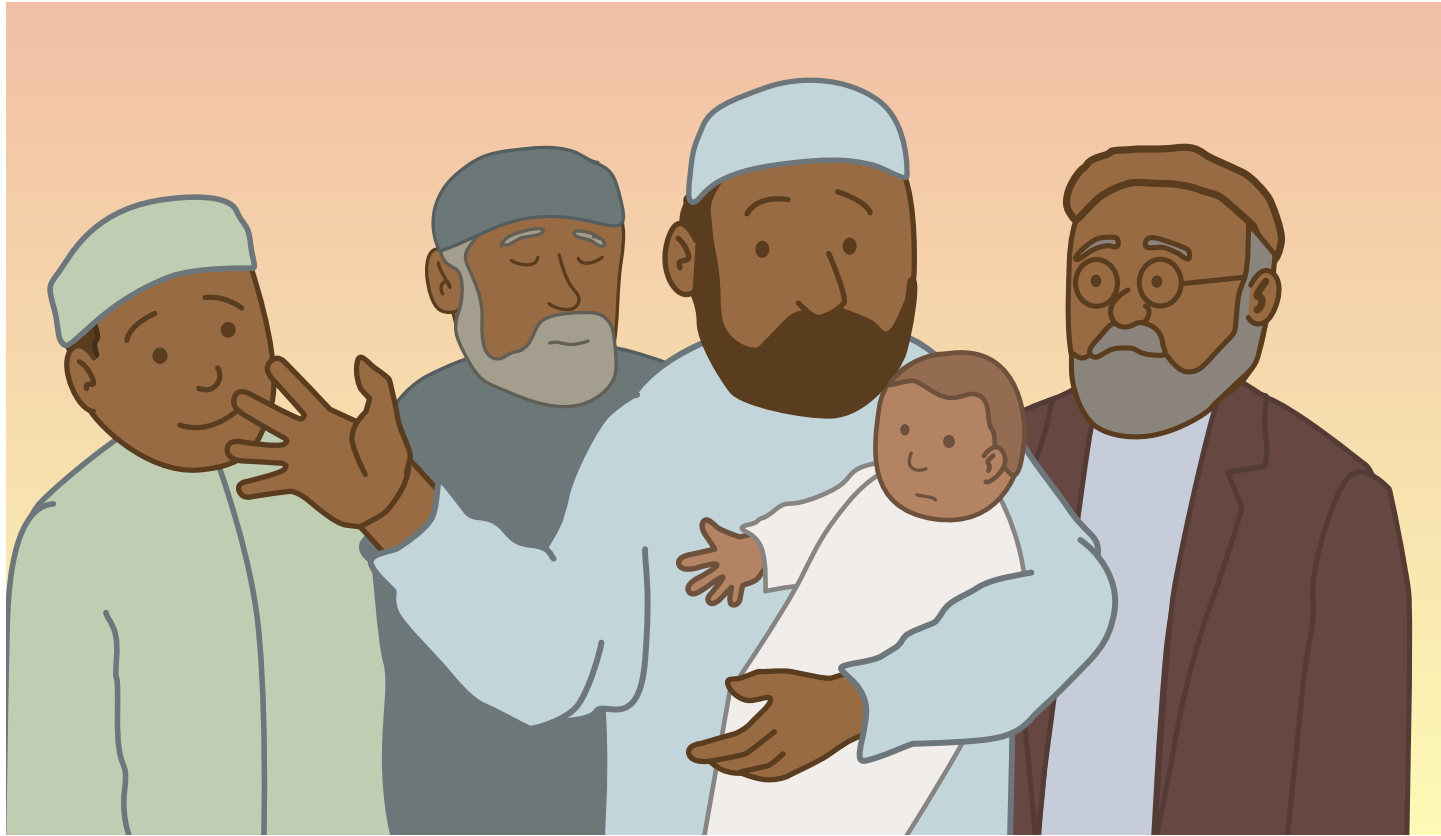
What is happening to baby Rachel in the synagogue?



Can you sing 'Happy birthday' to Salma?



Can you guess what the presents are?



Can you say 'Salma' aloud with her father?



What is happening to baby Salma at home?



Can you sing 'Happy birthday' to Rajeev?



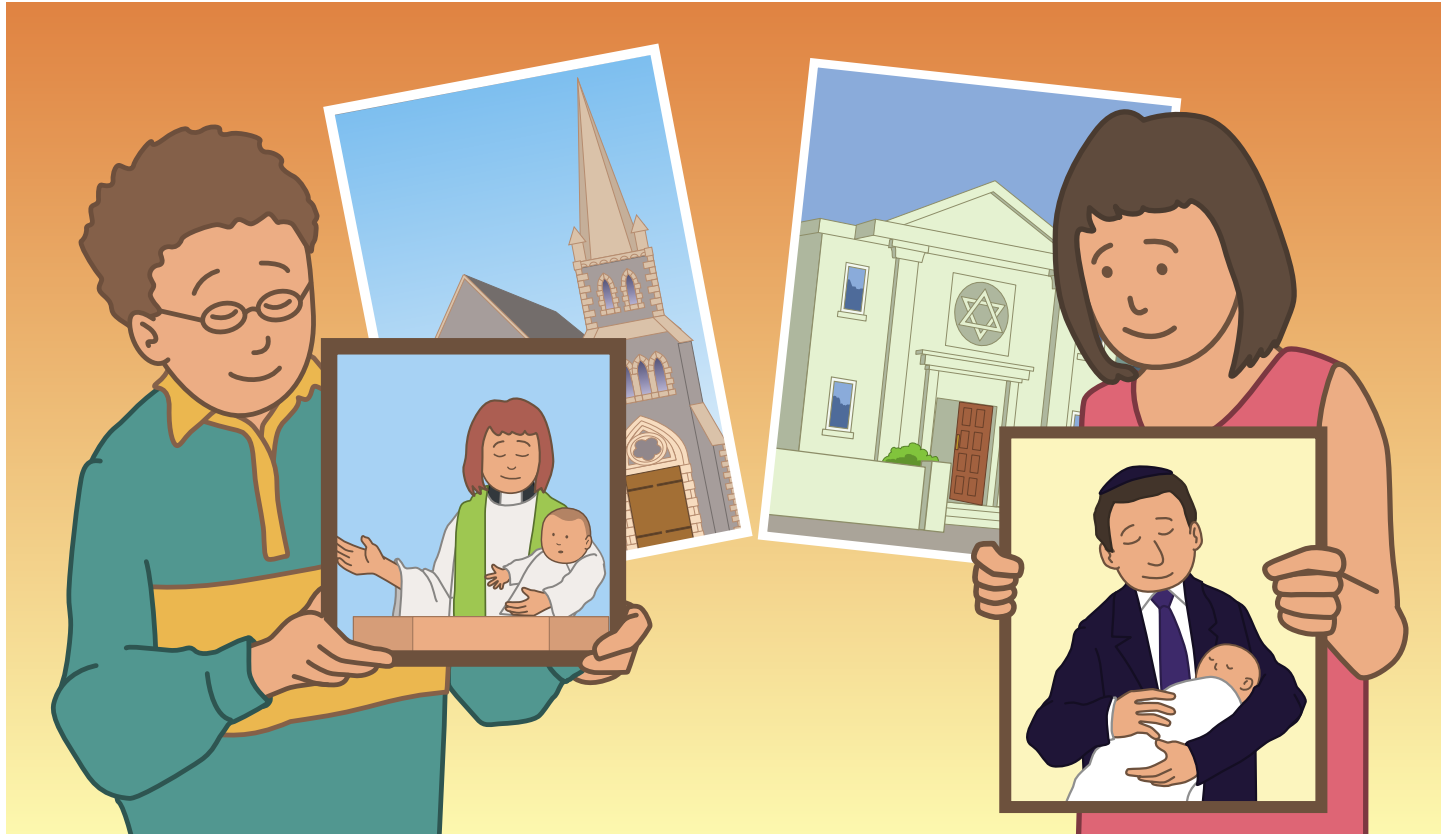
Can you guess what the presents are?



Can you say 'Rajeev' aloud with the priest?



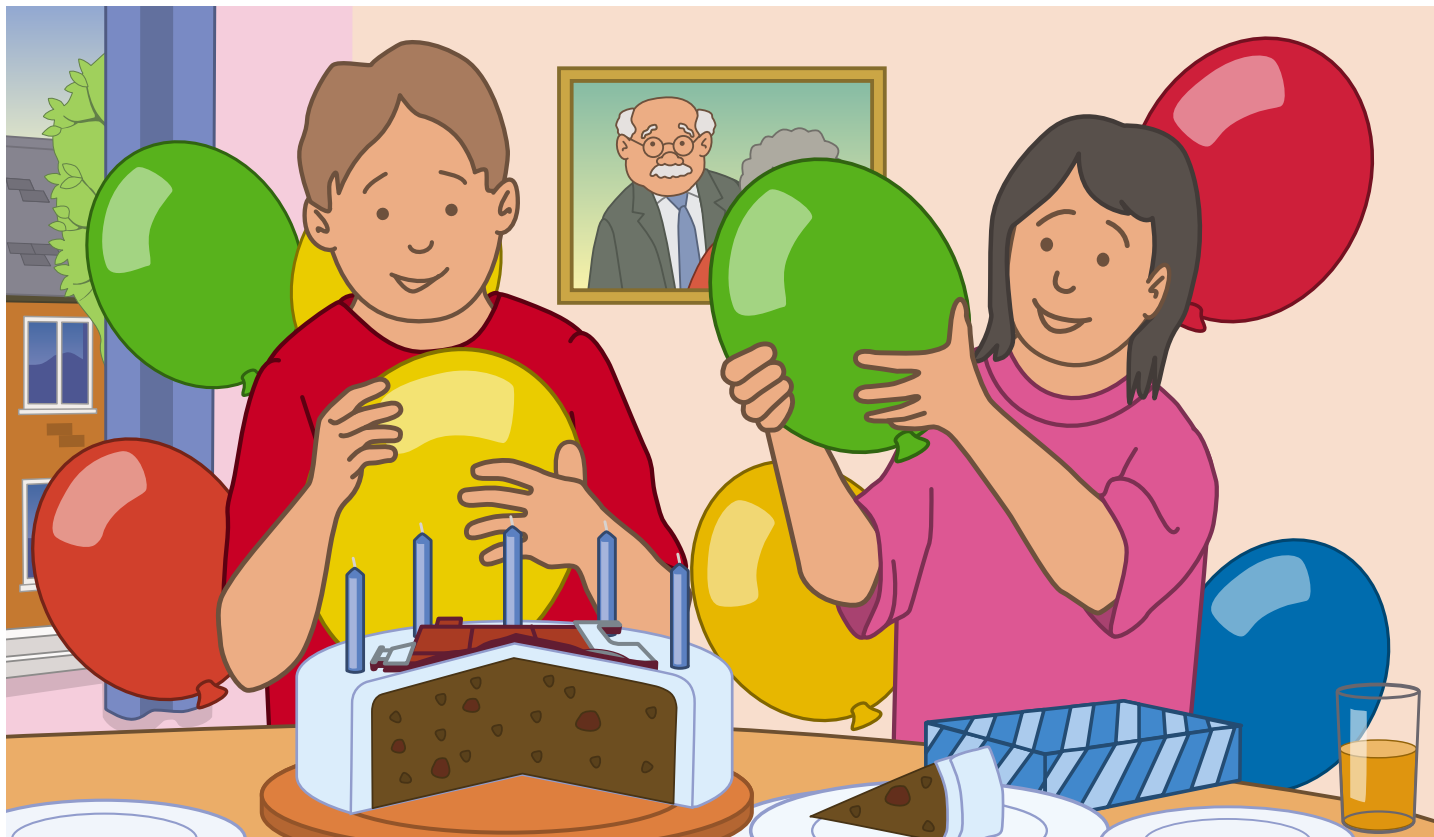
What is happening to baby Rajeev in the temple?



Why is Aled excited to learn about his friends' names?



What do you remember about how Aled, Peter, Rachel, Salma and Rajeev got their names?



Do you know how you got your name?

Today Aled and Siân are celebrating Aled's birthday. Aled learns about how he got his name. Aled and Siân's friends share stories about their names. They are excited to hear about Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim celebrations.



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